GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2213
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TREATMENT OF ACCIDENT VICTIMS
VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 5633 dated April 30, 2003 and state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to provide immediate first aid to the accident victims;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to upgrade the medical facilities in all the Government hospitals to meet any exigency in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of the Government hospitals in Delhi which have all the required medical facilities for the purpose;

(e) the reasons for all the other Government hospitals not fully equipped for this purpose; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): With a view to ensure that accident victims get immediate first aid, instructions, based on the Supreme Court directive were issued by this Ministry to all the States/Union Territories/Central Government Hospitals/Institutions to the effect that all patients whose condition is morbid/serious should be admitted even if beds are not available and have to be paid all necessary attention and in no case the patient will be left unattended for want of vacant beds in the emergency/casualty department.

(c) to (f): Upgradation of medical facilities in Central Government Hospitals is a continuous process and it has been a constant endeavour of the Government to provide the best possible medical facilities within the available resources. A Trauma Center namely Jai Prakash Narayan Trauma Centre at All India Institute of Medical Sciences is being set up and its construction work is expected to be completed by the end of 2003. A proposal for expansion and upgradation of existing casualty and emergency services of Dr. RML Hospital has also been approved. Apart from this, all Central Government Hospitals are well equipped to attend the accident and trauma cases. In addition, Central Government is also providing financial assistance up to Rs. 1.5 crore to the State Governments under the pilot project for upgradation and strengthening of Emergency facilities of State hospitals of towns/cities located on National Highways.